

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING THE 56TH BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM OF THE PENN- SYLVANIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

SPEECH OF

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 14, 2009*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 754, a resolution honoring the 56th Brigade Combat Team (Stryker) of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard on its return to the United States from deployment in Iraq.

The 56th Stryker Brigade is composed of approximately 4,000 citizen-soldiers from throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. These servicemembers come from various communities, including several communities in the 6th Congressional District.

The Brigade has previously served our country honorably, mobilizing and deploying to Kosovo in 2003. On September 19, 2008 the 56th Stryker Brigade was mobilized a second time, deploying to Iraq on January 15, 2009. The Brigade arrived in Iraq in late January 2009 and accepted responsibility of a roughly 800-square-mile area north of Baghdad from the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division.

During their deployment in Iraq, the 56th Striker Brigade played a critical role in support of military operations in Iraq. Brigade Soldiers performed over 800 combined operations with Iraq security forces, capturing seven brigade level high value targets and 80 additional targets, including the capture of more than 80 enemy weapon caches.

The Soldiers of the Independence Brigade served side by side with Iraqi soldiers to ensure security. The 56th Stryker Brigade is credited with making \$22 million worth of reconstruction improvements in coordination with an embedded U.S. provincial reconstruction team. Following their one year of exceptional service, the Brigade returned to the United States and demobilized in September 2009.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring the brave men and women of the 56th Brigade Combat Team (Stryker) of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. May their service be an inspiration to us all.

### A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE TUSCARAWAS COUNTY COUNCIL FOR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Tuscarawas County Council for Church and Community has been faithfully

serving the community of Tuscarawas County since 1966; and

Whereas, the Tuscarawas County Council for Church and Community has participated in "Character Counts! Week," a character building program meant to instill essential character values in children from October 18–24, 2009; and

Whereas, the "Character Counts!" program promotes trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship in young people; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that along with the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend the Tuscarawas County Council for Church and Community on their commitment to citizenship and respect for themselves and one another. I also commend those involved in the program for their dedication to the youth of our community and preparing them for lives of thoughtfulness, respect, and civic responsibility.

### THE PINEY WOODS SCHOOL CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

**HON. GREGG HARPER**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. HARPER. Madam Speaker, one hundred years ago deep in the Mississippi woods, Dr. Laurence Jones agreed to teach a half-grown, barefoot boy to read. The next day, the young boy not only arrived eagerly for his second lesson, but was accompanied by two of his friends. Dr. Jones welcomed the newcomers and began the lesson by singing the well known doxology, Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow. Thus, The Piney Woods School legacy was born.

Dr. Laurence Jones did not stop simply with teaching a few boys while using a fallen log for a desk, but he also eventually built a modest facility in rural Rankin County, Mississippi to provide underprivileged black students with a "head, heart and hands" education.

News of the developing black school angered many local Ku Klux Klan members. After capturing Dr. Jones and forcing him to give a final speech, the members of the Klan released "The Little Professor" after he expressively compelled them by stating, "There is not a man standing here who wants to go to his God with the blood of an innocent man on his hands."

Founded in 1909 in a corn shed and, today The Piney Woods School is a nondenominational, Christian-oriented school that has grown into what U.S. News & World Report has named one of the finest boarding schools in the country. As the flagship of the four remaining historically African-American boarding schools in the United States, The Piney Woods School provides an academic core of mathematics, history, science, English and social studies to black high school students on a campus covering 2,000 acres. The beautiful

Rankin County campus is comprised of lakes, farmland and towering pine trees, which creates an educational experience far beyond the classroom.

Comprised of nearly 230 students in grades 9 through 12 from over 20 states, Mexico, the Caribbean and several African nations, all of the students attend on a scholarship, and at all times at least 60% of the student body come from a low socio-economic background. Additionally, to help defray the cost of tuition, each student is responsible for working 10 hours a week.

The Piney Woods School has continued to rely on individual, foundation and corporate support for funding in addition to assistance from religious institutions. Building on the basis of this support, the school has established a goal of at least 1,000 churches, synagogues and other religious institutions contributing \$1,000 a year. Among prominent figures that have advocated for the school over the years, are actor Morgan Freeman, television personality Oprah Winfrey, author Bebe Moore Campbell and famed American cartoonist, the late Charles Schultz.

On behalf of this body, I would like to congratulate The Piney Woods School as they celebrate one hundred years of "changing America, and the world, one student at a time." Britton Smith, a young African American intern who serves today in my Washington office and who is a graduate of Piney Woods, is a genuine example that the legacy of Dr. Jones and his wife, Grace, still pulsates through the campus, attracting Christian students eager for an opportunity to grow and to be successful.

### CONGRATULATING RICHARD L. BOALS FOR RECEIVING THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE'S TORCH OF LIBERTY AWARD

**HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Richard L. Boals, who has been selected to receive the Anti-Defamation League's Jerry J. Wisotsky Torch of Liberty Award. The ADL is a national nonprofit organization committed to combating all forms of prejudice and discrimination, as well as defending democratic ideals and protecting civil liberties for all. The Jerry J. Wisotsky Torch of Liberty Award recognizes outstanding leaders who have demonstrated a serious commitment to the social, economic, cultural, and environmental well-being of their communities.

Mr. Boals is an exceptional community leader who epitomizes the ideals of the Torch of Liberty Award. As president and chief executive officer of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona, Mr. Boals is in charge of the state's leading health insurer. His long history of service to his community includes serving on the

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board of directors for Greater Phoenix Leadership, the Translational Genomics Research Institute, the Arthritis Foundation Greater Southwest Chapter, the Arizona State University (ASU) W.P. Carey School of Business Center for Services Leadership, the ASU President's Club, and the ASU Dean's Council of 100. Mr. Boals is also co-chair of the Phoenix Police Reserve Foundation board of directors and is currently working with the Salvation Army as their Capital Campaign Committee Chairman. In addition, Mr. Boals has served in the past as chairman of the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, the Arthritis Foundation Greater Southwest Chapter, the Arizona Quality Alliance, the Arizona Affordable Health Care Foundation, and Teach for America.

Through his contributions to his community, Mr. Boals also serves as a great role model to all of us. Again, I congratulate Richard Boals on this award, and I thank him for everything he has done for his fellow community members.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. ROB BISHOP

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Madam Speaker, consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure information regarding project funding I had requested and which was not originally included in the House reported version, but which was included within the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2892. To the best of my knowledge, funding for this project: (1) is not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds. I further certify that neither my spouse, nor I, have any personal financial interests in this request.

Project Title: Distributed Environment for Critical Infrastructure Decision-making Exercises (DECIDE)

Amount: \$3 million

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP (UT)

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: DHS Science & Technology —

Address of Requesting Entity: Utah State University

Location: Old Main Hill, Logan, Utah 84322—1400.

Matching Funds: Not applicable

Detailed Spending Plan: Not applicable.

Description and Justification of Funding: Funding is needed to continue efforts begun last year to develop digital and informational technology tools to help private financial institutions and other private sector institutions vital to the U.S. economy to coordinate defenses against increasingly sophisticated and growing cyber attack threats that, if not defended against, could have devastating implications for our economy as well as homeland security interests. Utah State University is a participant in a consortium of higher educational research institutions called the "Cyber Conflict Research Consortium (CCRC) which

also includes Miami University (Ohio); Norwich University Applied Research Institutes; Potomac Institute for Policy Studies; and the University of Nevada Reno.

#### HONORING THE MEMORY OF FALLEN U.S. MILITARY HEROES, THE SACRIFICE OF THEIR FAMILIES, AND THE WORK OF THE SNOWBALL EXPRESS ORGANIZATION

### HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I honor the memory of our fallen military heroes, recognize the sacrifice of their families and laud the excellent work of the Snowball Express Organization and its many partners, sponsors and volunteers.

Freedom is not free—it comes at an incredible cost. Throughout our nation's history, whenever our country is attacked or when the enemies of freedom threaten peace in our world, American men and women in uniform, from all backgrounds and all walks of life, have answered the call to defend our nation. From the American Revolution to Operation Iraqi Freedom, many of America's best and brightest have paid the price of our freedom with their lives.

The families of these brave men and women also make tremendous sacrifices. Military families play a vital support role to our troops in harm's way and are left to carry on life without their wife, husband, mother, father, brother or sister. As much as we remember the men and women who lay down their life to protect us, we should also remember and support their families and the incredible sacrifice they make on a daily basis, as they seek to continue on with their life, remembering and honoring their departed loved one. My son and daughter live in a better, more free and more secure America because of the sacrifices of these families and their heroes.

Snowball Express was founded with the goal of providing "hope and new memories to the children of our fallen military heroes who died while on active duty since September 11, 2001." I can only imagine how hard it must be to carry on with holidays, birthdays and normal life with your loved one missing. The outstanding staff, partners, sponsors and volunteers at Snowball Express are committed to providing rays of sunshine for children whose worlds have been rocked by incredible loss and they are to be commended.

As Ronald Reagan said, "We will always remember. We will always be proud. We will always be prepared, so we may always be free." Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Fifth District of Texas, I am humbled and honored to recognize our nation's heroes, their families and Snowball Express.

#### A TRIBUTE TO THE REVEREND DR. CHERYL G. ANTHONY

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of The Reverend Doctor Cheryl

G. Anthony, a visionary leader and inspiration to all.

Reverend Doctor Anthony is an anointed Woman of God. She holds a Master's degree in Theology and Religious Education, as well as a Doctoral degree in Sacred Theology. She is an alumnus of Harvard University Divinity School Leadership Institute. She is also a graduate of Cornell University's Family Development Institute, and a certified trainer providing specialized services to underserved populations throughout New York City. The Doctor Anthony realizes that all of her accomplishments have been made possible by the Almighty Father.

Not only an artisan and visionary, Dr. Anthony is the Founder, CEO and Pastor of the renowned and awarded JUDAH International Christian Center, Inc. (JUDAH), in Brooklyn, New York. A twenty-five year veteran committed to community and human development, Dr. Anthony and JUDAH have been recognized nationally by former President Bill Clinton as well as former President George W. Bush as a progressive and cutting-edge leader and outstanding organization in the faith-based community, addressing holistic faith-based development and empowerment.

Dr. Anthony's stellar leadership includes holding the exclusive distinction as the first and only woman elected as chairperson of the Board of the Central Brooklyn Churches, Inc. Her passion for addressing the needs of women and girls has led her to establish and organize the "Women of Faith Advocating Change (WFAC)" partnership comprised of clergy, elected officials and community leaders in Brooklyn. WFAC's mission is to provide clergy-led leadership in developing faith strategies to combat health disparities for African American women and girls. She is vice president of the Labor-Religion Coalition of New York State; past chair of the Bedford-Stuyvesant/Crown Heights HIV Care Network steering committee and member of the Board of Directors of the Fordham University Bertram M. Beck Institute on Religion and Poverty. She is the creative force behind the award winning "Wholistic Approach to Community Wellness Program" (WACW), a national faith-based best practice model, which assists religious leaders, government representatives and community stakeholders grappling with social challenges. Dr. Anthony possesses the unique ability to gracefully and skillfully blend professional ethics, business acumen, social and cultural activism in order to proclaim a living Gospel.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing The Reverend Doctor Cheryl G. Anthony, a woman called into the Kingdom to serve her generation through the power of God.

#### CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2892, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

### HON. DAVID LOEBSACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 15, 2009*

Mr. LOEBSACK. Madam Speaker, in 2008, the State of Iowa experienced the worst natural disaster in our state's history which left 85

of 99 total counties presidentially declared disaster areas. This flooding particularly devastated the City of Cedar Rapids. In addition to having nearly all of their critical government and public facilities damaged, the flooding also severely damaged the city's main public library.

The Cedar Rapids Library was an 83,961 square foot facility, owned by the city which also housed city staff. The main Library contained 150,000 volumes in the Adult Collection and 100,000 volumes in the Children's Collections, all of which are currently displaced.

After two appeals from the city, FEMA continues to state that the city's library is not eligible for temporary relocation assistance despite the fact that the Stafford Act provides for "provision of temporary facilities for schools and other essential community services." The Stafford Act also includes libraries in the definition of private nonprofit facilities and states that they provide essential services of a governmental nature to the general public.

As a former educator myself, I know the critical role libraries play in education. Since the floods of 2008, I have also seen the essential public services they provide to nearly all aspects of severely damaged communities.

In fact, FEMA itself directs disaster victims to their local library to use the internet to apply for federal disaster assistance. Public libraries also allow citizens to look for jobs, or seek other support services needed in the aftermath of disasters such as the flooding in Iowa. Libraries have certainly evolved to become more than collections of books and periodicals.

In modern-day communities, they are a vital communication hub, providing access to computers and the internet for individuals that may not be able to afford their own, and in a disaster, to those whose own property was damaged or destroyed. Further, the library is a partner with our school systems, providing research materials to students and supporting class instructional programs.

Many libraries also become a disaster recovery center for their community, and a point of distribution for meals and supplies needed during a disaster.

I urge FEMA to reconsider their internal policies and reexamine how libraries are defined in the Stafford Act in order to assist not only the Cedar Rapids Library, but other libraries that may be damaged and displaced by natural disasters in the future.

TRIBUTE TO DR. EUGENE C. GED

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the deeds of an outstanding American, Dr. Eugene C. Ged, who was recognized by the St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center Foundation with the 2009 William F. Johnson Award for his decades of service to his community.

Eugene was born in St. Joseph's Hospital, Paterson, and has spent the majority of his life in the city and its surrounding areas. He attended grammar school at St. George's, and went on to high school at St. John's. He received his undergraduate degree at the Uni-

versity of Pennsylvania and then earned his medical degree from Georgetown University School of Medicine. He served his internship and residency at St. Vincent's and a fellowship in cardiology at St. Michael's Medical Center. Soon, he was back to serve his hometown and the surrounding communities, joining St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center as an attending physician in cardiology. He also practiced at North Jersey Internal Medicine Associates.

Dr. Ged has worked hard to stay at the forefront of new practices in his field, and to help St. Joseph's to do the same. He performed the first-ever angiogram at St. Joseph's. He has served as a respected member, and later as vice president, of the medical board.

After his retirement from private practice, Dr. Ged sought to continue to give back to the Paterson community, his patients and his colleagues. Working with the late Don Alois, Dr. Ged spearheaded the creation of a non-profit entity for the hospital so that funds could be raised for crucial programs and facilities. In 1982, he worked with the other founding members to create the St. Joseph's Foundation, of which he would later serve as president. He was also the founder of the annual Charity Ball. Thirty-three years ago, the Charity Ball was held at Westmount Country Club and raised \$50,000. Now, the Charity Ball is still the most important benefit for St. Joseph's and raises more than one million dollars annually.

After his retirement from practicing medicine, Dr. Ged joined his brother George at Travel Forum, Inc., a full service travel business located in Totowa, New Jersey. He has since retired from the company. He now resides in Wyckoff, New Jersey and Naples, Florida with his wife, Erika. They have seven children and nine grandchildren.

The job of a United States congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to working with and recognizing the efforts of dedicated community servants like Dr. Eugene Ged.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, everyone involved in the St. Joseph's Foundation, Eugene's family and friends and me in recognizing Dr. Eugene C. Ged's outstanding service to his community.

#### THE FISA AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2009 SECTION-BY-SECTION

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, the FISA Amendments Act of 2009 would amend FISA to protect the constitutional rights of Americans while ensuring that the government has the powers it needs to fight terrorism and collect intelligence.

#### SECTION 1—SHORT TITLE

This Act may be cited as the FISA Amendments Act of 2009.

#### SECTION 2—TELECOMMUNICATIONS IMMUNITY

The bill would repeal the retroactive immunity provision in the FISA Amendments Act, leaving it to the courts to determine whether any telephone companies that complied with the illegal warrantless wiretapping program acted properly under the

laws in effect at the time and therefore deserve immunity. It would retain limitations on liability for acting in compliance with FISA, the criminal surveillance laws, the Protect America Act and the FISA Amendments Act.

#### SECTION 3—BULK COLLECTION

The bill retains the new authorities provided in the FISA Amendments Act but builds in additional safeguards to protect the rights of innocent Americans. The bill would prevent the government from using the warrantless collection authorities of the FISA Amendments Act to conduct "bulk collection," which could include the collection of the contents of all communications between the United States and the rest of the world. It would do so by requiring that the government have some foreign intelligence interest in the overseas party to the communications it is collecting. Bulk collection raises serious constitutional questions, and it could permit data mining of massive quantities of communications of Americans.

#### SECTION 4—REVERSE TARGETING

The bill would place additional limits on the warrantless collection authorities of the FISA Amendments Act to ensure that they are not used as a pretext when the government's real goal is to target the Americans with whom the ostensible foreign target is communicating. It would require a FISA Court order if the government is wiretapping a person overseas but "a significant purpose" of the surveillance is to collect the communications of the person in the United States with whom the person overseas is communicating.

#### SECTION 5—USE OF UNLAWFULLY OBTAINED INFORMATION

The bill would limit the government's use of information about U.S. persons that is obtained under FISA Amendments Act procedures that the FISA Court later determines to be unlawful, while still giving the FISA Court flexibility to allow such information to be used in appropriate cases. This provides a basic incentive for the government to target foreign agents overseas rather than innocent Americans here in the United States. It is similar to the existing law that limits the use of information collected pursuant to FISA's emergency authority if the FISA Court determines after the fact that the FISA standard was not met.

#### SECTION 6—PROTECTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS OF AMERICANS

The bill would permit unfettered acquisition of foreign-to-foreign communications and of communications of suspected terrorists into or out of the United States, while creating safeguards for communications not related to terrorism that the government knows have one end in the United States. Specifically:

When the government knows in advance that a foreign target is communicating with someone in the United States, it can acquire that communication if it involves terrorism, if someone's safety is at stake, or with a court order.

When the government does not know in advance with whom a foreign target is communicating, it can acquire all of that target's communications, without individualized court review. If the government later realizes that it has acquired a communication with one end in the U.S., it must segregate that communication in a separate database. It can then access, analyze and disseminate that communication if the communication involves terrorism, if someone's safety is at stake, or if the government has obtained a court order.

HONORING PAUL WILEY OF  
TAYLOR MILL, KENTUCKY

**HON. GEOFF DAVIS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Paul Wiley of Taylor Mill, Kentucky. Mr. Wiley is a former U.S. Army aviator who now dedicates his time to organizing programs and events to benefit active-duty service members, veterans, and their families.

In 2007, Mr. Wiley joined forces with the Moose Riders Club of Moose Lodge #1469 in Covington to raise funds for the A/101 Aviation Association Memorial Scholarship Fund. With support from local military units and the Sikorsky Helicopter company, their first fundraiser raised more than \$16,000 for the scholarship fund.

Mr. Wiley and the Moose Riders also sponsor the members of the 4th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, a unit that deployed to Afghanistan in 2008. Over the summer, Mr. Wiley and his friends worked with residents and local businesses throughout Northern Kentucky and the Cincinnati area to help the soldiers have a little extra fun with their families while home on their 2-week furlough from Afghanistan. Through fundraisers and generous donations, Mr. Wiley's initiative ensured six soldiers and their families enjoyed a "mini-vacation" complete with donated hotel rooms, dinners, and tickets to amusement parks and museums.

Currently, Mr. Wiley is busy spearheading plans for a January welcome home celebration to mark the return of the unit from Afghanistan.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Mr. Paul Wiley, the members of Moose Riders Club, and all the people in the Northern Kentucky region who have contributed to this local effort to support service members, veterans, and their families.

HONORING ROBERT ZWEIMAN,  
JEWISH WAR VETERAN

**HON. JOHN H. ADLER**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to have this opportunity to express my gratitude to Mr. Zweiman for his dedicated and tireless service to the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America.

Mr. Zweiman selflessly and bravely served this country in the Philippines during World War II. Upon returning home, he took advantage of the Montgomery G.I. Bill and received a bachelor's degree and juris doctorate from New York University. With this educational foundation, Mr. Zweiman became an exceptional attorney-at-law, specializing in corporate and family law.

Even with his busy professional life, Mr. Zweiman always found the time to contribute his time and talents to the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America (JWV). He began with the organization as editor of his local JWV Post Newsletter and currently

serves as a member of the JWV Policy Committee as well as a member of the organization's Executive Committee. Mr. Zweiman has made numerous contributions throughout his prestigious 61-year career with the JWV, including developing the JWV's Allied Veterans Mission to Israel program, creating and developing a direct mail program to provide funding for JWV programs, and designing and coordinating renovations of the Jewish War Veterans Museum in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Zweiman's continued exemplary service to this nation is rightfully honored today. Thank you for all you have done and God bless the United States of America.

A TRIBUTE TO DEACON WILLIAM  
DEWALT

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Deacon William Dewalt.

Deacon William Dewalt was born in Galveston, Texas in 1930. He attended Dixon High School in Shepherd, Texas, where he played basketball. During his school days, he was voted "All-Around Boy" by his fellow basketball teammates. While in high school, he met Gloria Jean Mitchell, who later became his wife, and together they had seven children.

After school, William joined the United States Army and served for two years. He was stationed in Korea. William and Gloria settled in New York City in the mid 1950s. He secured employment with the United States Postal Service as a Letter Carrier. After thirty years of service, he retired in 1989.

In 1954, Deacon Dewalt joined the Union Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Aaron A. Wood and was ordained to the Deacon Ministry. He has served in this capacity for more than 50 years.

Deacon William Dewalt is a man of few words, however, when he gives his word one can truly count on him. One might say that he held on to his title given so many years ago by his teammates—"All-Around Boy", and became an "All-Around Man". He believes in helping in anyway that he can and he helps without thinking twice.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Deacon William Dewalt, a faithful servant and "All-Around Man".

HONORING THE SERVICE OF THE  
GEM STATE YOUNG MARINES

**HON. WALT MINNICK**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. MINNICK. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize and honor an extraordinary youth education program that serves boys and girls in Idaho. The Gem State Young Marines is celebrating its 50th anniversary and Red Ribbon Week on October 17, 2009.

This program serves youths from the age of 8 through high school in the Treasure Valley. It encourages young people to find strength within themselves by learning life-changing

skills. Important talents such as determination, discipline, strength and integrity are all taught through a variety of team building events and activities.

The Young Marines focus on community service, specifically reducing drug use in teens and young adults. The group strives to instill the core values of honor, courage and commitment, adopted by the Marine Corps, to each of their members. Each young marine is required to complete a minimum of 50 hours of community service each year to qualify for the Young Marine Community Service Ribbon. The Young Marines focus on character building through a combination of self-discipline, teamwork and leadership, as well as promoting a healthy, drug free lifestyle. Helping people in their formative years reduce the abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs deserves our sincere admiration and respect.

It is important that we recognize the service of groups such as the Gem State Young Marines. The Gem State Young Marines should be extremely proud of all the work they have done for communities in Idaho. I applaud this group and their members for their efforts, their actions show that Americans of all ages can—and do—make a profound difference in communities across the country.

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
AWARENESS MONTH

**HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the month of October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence, a widespread tragedy that indiscriminately affects families of all races and classes, is a serious crime that has no social barriers. From our own family members to medical professionals to educators to law enforcement officers to community/clergy leaders—we must all work together to ensure that we are trained to recognize the signs and symptoms of domestic violence and, in turn, prevent the crime from continuing throughout our communities.

I have seen firsthand the impact this issue has on individuals in urban and rural areas alike. Domestic violence crosses economic lines, geographic lines and ethnic lines. In 2008, Miami-Dade and Broward County had a total of 18,312 reported domestic violence cases varying from offenses such as aggravated assault to stalking to forcible rape. With so many of these unsettling offenses taking place in my District, I will continue to ensure that significant progress is being made on this issue during my tenure in Congress. It is vital that we direct attention to domestic violence and assure that there are available resources to assist victims and families in recovering from these abuses. We must combat this continuous plague that wreaks havoc on our increasingly-stressed health care network, our over-flowing criminal justice system, and our day-to-day life within our communities.

Florida's county and jurisdictional domestic violence offenses in 2008 totaled an unfortunate 113,123 cases. National Domestic Violence Awareness Month should remind us to continue ensuring that Federal grants made

under the Violence Against Women Act go towards essential shelter operations and support services. Moreover, we must ensure that shelters and crisis centers receive sufficient funding to provide this safety net to some of our most vulnerable citizens.

Madam Speaker, I stand today before my colleagues to ask for continued support and assistance of domestic violence prevention programs. It is essential that we not only draw attention to domestic violence this month, but continue making progress on this devastating problem so that it will no longer affect our communities and families. As we remember the victims of domestic violence, we must learn from their courage and work to assure that our communities are safe places to live, work, and raise our families. In Florida and throughout our nation, education, enforcement and support are the keys to solving and breaking the cycle of domestic violence.

HONORING CAPTAIN WEI JIAFU  
FOR HIS LONGSTANDING COMMITMENT TO THE CITIZENS OF  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I am privileged today to honor a pioneer who has helped create a strong bridge of understanding and development between the people of his country and the people of the United States of America. For over a decade Captain Wei Jiafu has been the President of COSCO, the largest ocean shipping company in the People's Republic of China. During this time Captain Wei has worked hard to increase the level of understanding between U.S. and Chinese business leaders.

Captain Wei's relationship with the U.S. has been a long and honored one. In his early years as a sea captain, Captain Wei was given special recognition by the U.S. Coast Guard for his knowledge and skill in navigating U.S. waters. In addition to Captain Wei's technical knowledge of U.S. waters, he commands a mastery of the navigational practices that make both national and international waters safe. Under Captain Wei's leadership, COSCO was the first foreign shipping company to comply with newly-enacted Homeland Security regulations governing shipping containers. As astounding as all of these accomplishments may be, Captain Wei's dedication to the U.S. goes further.

Throughout his career, Captain Wei's commitment to the American workforce has been unwavering. As President of COSCO, Captain Wei oversees the largest Chinese employer of American citizens. Under Captain Wei's guidance, COSCO has been honored by the ports of Long Beach, Seattle, New York, and Boston, for his commitment to their employees. Must notably, has been his commitment to the workers of Massachusetts, where COSCO has contributed to the creation of thousands of maritime-related jobs by establishing shipping services between the Port of Boston and ports in China. Captain Wei has even dedicated a chair to Boston's prestigious Harvard University.

In addition, Captain Wei has been instrumental in protecting our oceans. He has generously donated to the cause of cleaner oceans and the protection of sea life in Alaska.

With that in mind, I would like to commend Captain Wei for his commitment to professionalism which has facilitated both a productive and personal relationship between the people of the United States of America and the People's Republic of China. Furthermore, I would like to recognize Captain Wei for his charitable contributions in support of higher learning in the United States and around the world. Captain Wei is truly a "Peoples' Ambassador" to the United States of America.

HONORING THE COMMUNITY OF  
WYNMOOR IN COCONUT CREEK,  
FLORIDA

**HON. ROBERT WEXLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. WEXLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Community of Wynmoor in Coconut Creek, Florida, which is celebrating its 35th Anniversary this week.

Wynmoor is an active senior community in South Florida with approximately 9,000 residents, many of whom regularly mentor in local schools, volunteer for city affairs, and greatly contribute to the vitality of the City of Coconut Creek and the surrounding communities. With a PGA-recognized country club golf course, serene lakes and sparkling fountains, Wynmoor is truly a beautiful place to live, and for many who live there, a wonderful place to retire and enjoy life.

Wynmoor residents find many ways to remain active and healthy with multiple tennis courts and health and fitness facilities available to them, as well as with a multitude of social activities planned throughout the year, including cultural and social clubs, several charitable organizations, live theater, dances, movies, classes and lectures. When I visit my constituents in Wynmoor, I am always thrilled to engage with them on the issues of importance to our community because they care deeply about the issues that affect South Florida.

Madam Speaker, I am deeply proud to represent the Community of Wynmoor and all of its residents in Congress, and I wish the entire community a happy and healthy 35 more years and an enjoyable anniversary celebration this week.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. KAY GRANGER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 772, 773, and 774, I was absent from the House.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

THE DISCLOSURE OF PRESIDENTIAL DECLASSIFICATION OF INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION ACT OF 2009

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to introduce the "Disclosure of Presidential Declassification of Intelligence Information Act of 2009."

This bill will help increase transparency by requiring the White House to release public notices when classified materials are declassified. Specifically, this legislation would require the President to inform the relevant congressional committees within 15 days whenever intelligence has been declassified. The bill also contains a sense of Congress that additional notice should be given to the Director of National Intelligence, the Archivist of the United States, and the heads of the applicable elements of the intelligence community.

In January of this year, I released a report documenting several abuses and excesses of the Bush Administration. The Report, titled "Reining in the Imperial Presidency: Lessons and Recommendations Relating to the Presidency of George W. Bush," contained 50 separate recommendations designed to restore and support the traditional checks and balances of our constitutional system.

This bill carries out the recommendation that Congress consider legislation requiring the President to announce the declassification of classified materials.

As the report details, the Bush administration selectively leaked numerous items of classified information to strengthen the case for war in Iraq. For example, evidence suggests that President Bush secretly authorized the declassification of information without notice in an effort to neutralize Ambassador Joe Wilson's op-ed that raised questions about the case for war.

This bill will help to prevent similar future abuses and political manipulation of intelligence authority by alerting Congress when information is declassified. Such transparency in presidential delegations of declassified authority is a matter of good government regardless of who occupies the White House.

A TRIBUTE TO SHARONNIE M.  
PERRY

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Sharonnie M. Perry, a great community activist.

Sharonnie has lived her life by one of her favorite mottos, "I Have Come To Serve And Not To Be Served." She has served for over 35 years as a community activist, beginning in her early days fighting against decentralization of public schools.

As founder of "Parents on the Move", a self-help organization for homeless parents and children, she advocated for affordable housing, education and employment for the



homeless population across New York City. In 1982, Sharonnie saw a need which became one of her greatest passions to date. She has traveled across the country conducting workshops and speaking out for quality health care and services for our brothers, sisters and children living with HIV/AIDS.

Sharonnie was born in the village of Bedford Stuyvesant. She is the mother of two sons, Da-Shawn and Jah-Son, and the proud grandmother to Jaylin and Jah-Son, Jr. She is a woman of faith and believes if you put God at the head and Jesus at the center of your life that you won't fail. Sharonnie attributes her victories and successes, first and foremost to the Creator, her parents, family, her mentors, spiritual advisors and friends.

Sharonnie has been recognized across the country for her activism on behalf of the underserved people in our communities. In summarizing her commitment to family, church and community, she always says, "If I Can Help Somebody Along The Way, Then My Living Would Not Have Been In Vain".

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Sharonnie M. Perry.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, I was absent from votes on September 29 and 30, October 1 and October 6–8 for medical reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted as indicated for each rollcall listed. I ask that my statement be included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Rollcall vote 740: "nay"; rollcall vote 741: "yea"; rollcall vote 742: "yea"; rollcall vote 743: "nay"; rollcall vote 744: "nay"; rollcall vote 745: "yea"; rollcall vote 746: "yea"; rollcall vote 747: "yea"; rollcall vote 748: "yea"; and rollcall vote 749: "nay".

Rollcall vote 750: "yea"; rollcall vote 751: "yea"; rollcall vote 752: "nay"; rollcall vote 753: "yea"; rollcall vote 754: "yea"; rollcall vote 755: "yea"; rollcall vote 756: "nay"; rollcall vote 757: "nay"; rollcall vote 758: "nay"; and rollcall vote 759: "nay".

Rollcall vote 760: "nay"; rollcall vote 761: "nay"; rollcall vote 762: "nay"; rollcall vote 763: "yea"; rollcall vote 764: "nay"; rollcall vote 765: "nay"; rollcall vote 766: "yea"; rollcall vote 767: "yea"; and rollcall vote 768: "yea".

HONORING JUDGE BRUCE W. KAUFFMAN FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE LEGAL COMMUNITY

#### HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary contributions that Judge Bruce W. Kauffman has made to the legal community in his five decades of service.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Yale Law School, Judge Kauffman began

his service to the legal community as a law clerk to the Honorable Vincent S. Haneman of the Superior Court of New Jersey, and thereafter joined the law firm of Dilworth Paxson, where he represented some of the nation's most high-profile clients and rose to become chairman of the firm.

In 1980, Judge Kauffman was appointed to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, where he served with distinction for two years. In 1997, President Bill Clinton nominated Judge Kauffman to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. During his tenure, the Judge returned to his alma mater and served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Pennsylvania. Judge Kauffman served on the District Court until his retirement from the Federal bench in July of 2009.

Those who know the Judge know that his service is not finished, and that he is undertaking a new commitment to serve as Cochairman of the Executive Committee at Elliott Greenleaf, where he will be instrumental in providing counsel to clients and mentoring attorneys, as he has done for so many others throughout his career.

Madam Speaker, Judge Kauffman has been an excellent jurist, teacher, and mentor for five decades. On a more personal note, Judge Kauffman has been a mentor to me both professionally and personally, and was instrumental in introducing me to my wife, whom he mentored as well. Judge Kauffman has a proud record of service to our country and I am proud to call him my friend. I congratulate Judge Kauffman for all his accomplishments and wish him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

#### RECOGNIZING THE ATLANTIC INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY ASSOCIATION ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate H. Res. 465, a resolution recognizing the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association (AIWA) on the occasion of its 10th anniversary. As a proud co-sponsor of this legislation, I believe that AIWA's vital work has ensured open and safe for navigation for recreational and commercial users throughout the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIWW).

Since its completion in 1940, the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway has provided a safe navigation channel for commercial shipping and support for and encouragement of interstate commerce. Unfortunately, the Waterway has suffered from a lack of maintenance, which has resulted in a reduction of depth that has hindered the Waterway's ability to provide a safe and efficient transportation route. Recognizing this problem, AIWA has become an unwavering advocate for appropriate dredging and adequate maintenance to promote safe, cost effective navigation, while balancing environmental needs.

I commend their tradition of excellence in service to Waterway users, many of them are my constituents in Florida. The Waterway

plays an important role in my district and throughout the state of Florida. Many of my constituents come from communities around Indian River Lagoon, a portion of the AIWW, and are able to find employment opportunities in the industries that the Waterway provides. In such tough economic times, this is extremely important and should not be overlooked.

Madam Speaker, over the past ten years AIWA has made significant contributions to local communities. I urge them to continue their essential work and support for the Waterway.

#### JUDGE GEORGE D. CARROLL COURTHOUSE RENAMING CEREMONY

#### HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today and invite my colleagues to join me in honoring Judge George D. Carroll of Richmond, California, for his many years of service to the community. Judge Carroll has provided remarkable leadership to the citizens of Richmond and his legacy will be forever recognized as the Richmond Courthouse is renamed in his honor on October 16, 2009.

George Carroll was born on January 6, 1923 in Brooklyn, New York. He served in the United States Army during World War II and was stationed in Italy. Judge Carroll subsequently used his GI Benefits to attend college and law school, graduating from Brooklyn College in 1943 and Brooklyn Law School in 1950. Following his admittance to the New York Bar, he ran a private practice in New York from 1951–1952.

In 1953, Judge Carroll moved to Richmond, California and his trailblazing legacy began. The same year he moved to Richmond, he became the city's first African American lawyer to practice law; serving in private practice until 1965. Judge Carroll continued to break racial barriers in 1961 by becoming the first African American elected to the Richmond City Council. From 1964–1965 he served as Richmond's first African American Mayor, a position unprecedented in any large American city. And finally, Judge Carroll became the first African American County Supervisor for Contra Costa County, California. Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown appointed Judge Carroll to the Contra Costa Municipal Court in May 1965 making him the first African American Judge to be appointed in Contra Costa County, where he served until his retirement in 1985.

Judge Carroll is a founding member of the Judicial Council of the National Bar Association and a lifetime member of the NAACP as well as the Sigma Pi Phi and Omega Psi Phi Fraternities. He is a former member of the Charles Houston Bar Association, California Judges Association, American Bar Association, American Judicature Society, World Association of Judge of the World Peace Through Law Center, Board of Governors of the United Bay Area Crusade, Richmond Boys' Club and the Neighborhood House of North Richmond.

Madam Speaker, as a result of Judge Carroll's leadership, advocacy and promotion

of equal rights, we as a community have benefitted tremendously. I am delighted to have this opportunity to recognize Judge Carroll's tireless efforts and ask all Members of the House to join me in congratulating him as the Richmond Courthouse is officially renamed The George D. Carroll Courthouse.

#### SUPPORTING THE MISSION AND GOALS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS—

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, 2009.

I urge all Americans during Domestic Violence Awareness Month to understand the different faces of domestic violence, as it is not defined only by battery against women and children, but also includes domestic sexual assault, teen dating violence, and non-physical emotional abuse, such as name calling and intimidation.

Domestic violence, regardless of type, disrupts the lives of men and women of all ages. Young children and adolescents are especially at risk for complications as exposure to violence can lead to behavioral and emotional problems.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act), which I proudly co-sponsored, provides \$225 million to the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women, targeted at developing and supporting the capacity of state, local, tribal, and non-profit entities involved in responding to violence against women and also in helping them find alternative housing. I am also pleased that the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)—its passage in 1994 strongly by then Senator JOSEPH R. BIDEN Jr.—and the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) also received Recovery Act funding to boost the federal VAWA and VOCA funds that are already allocated to state and local governments each year.

Furthermore, in my home state of New York, Governor David Paterson signed a bill into law last month that takes a stronger response against domestic violence offenders and expands protection orders for victims. With this advancement in New York's state law, New York is leading the nation in strengthening our judicial system to stamp out domestic violence and abuse.

Though we may be taking great strides at the federal and state levels in addressing domestic violence, we cannot ignore that the problem originates in the home. If you feel you are or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, please call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE. Working together, we can all play a vital role in creating awareness about domestic violence and working toward ending this intolerable behavior.

#### THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AUTHORITY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2009

#### HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to introduce the "Inspector General Authority Improvement Act of 2009."

This Act will provide the Inspector Generals of the various agencies the authority to issue subpoenas for the testimony of former employees or contractors as part of certain investigations of wrongdoing. Under current law, a critical witness can evade being interviewed by an Inspector General, and thus seriously impede an investigation, by simply resigning from the agency.

In January of this year, I released a report documenting several abuses and excesses of the Bush Administration. The Report, titled "Reining in the Imperial Presidency: Lessons and Recommendations Relating to the presidency of George W. Bush," contained 50 separate recommendations designed to restore and support the traditional checks and balances of our constitutional system. This bill responds to one of those recommendations.

As the Report details, that ability of Inspector Generals to investigate serious allegations of wrongdoing was significantly impeded during the prior Administration because critical witnesses could not be interviewed if they simply resigned during the investigation or had already left the agency. As a practical matter, the witnesses were beyond the reach of the Inspector General, and their knowledge of potential wrongdoing went with them.

For example, in the investigation of potential misconduct by Monica Goodling, the Department of Justice Inspector General was unable to obtain witness statements from those who had resigned and thus were no longer available. Similarly, the Department of Homeland Security Inspector General was limited in his ability to conduct a complete investigation into the circumstances surrounding the rendition of Canadian citizen Mohammed Arar to Syria. His Report stated bluntly: "Many of the principal decision-makers involved in the Arar case have left government service and declined our requests for interviews. As they are no longer DHS employees, we cannot compel them to speak with us."

It is important to note that this bill contains important limitations on the Inspector Generals' subpoena power in order to prevent abuse or damage to ongoing investigations. Most prominently, an Inspector General cannot issue a subpoena if the Department of Justice concludes in a particular case that the taking of a deposition would interfere with civil or criminal litigation.

I believe that with this limitation, this legislation strikes an appropriate balance between the need for an independent Inspector General to investigate administrative wrongdoing and the responsibility of the Attorney General to enforce our criminal laws and protect the civil interests of the United States Government.

This legislation will go a long way in fostering transparency in government by improving the Inspector Generals' tools and permit them to effectively carry out their mission.

Such vigorous oversight is a matter of good government, regardless of whether we have a Democratic or Republican Administration.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, due to the death of my husband, Clifton H.W. Maloney, I did not vote from September 29, 2009 through October 13, 2009. I missed rollcall votes numbered 740–771.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes Nos.: 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 770, 771, 772, 773, and 774. I would have voted "nay" on rollcall votes Nos.: 746, 754, and 769.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the policies and standards put forth by the House Appropriations Committee and the GOP Leadership, I would like to place in the record a listing of the congressionally directed project I requested in my home state of Idaho that is contained in the Conference Report accompanying H.R. 2892, the FY2010 Homeland Security Appropriations bill.

Project Name: Power and Cyber Systems Protection, Analysis, and Testing Program  
Amount: \$3,000,000

Account: NPPD Infrastructure Protection and Information Security

Recipient: Idaho National Laboratory  
Recipient's Street Address: 2525 North Freemont St, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83415

Description: This funding will be used to conduct vulnerability analysis, testing, and protection of power and cyber connected systems for the Department of Homeland Security, utilizing the unique resources available at the Idaho National Laboratory, such as the electric grid, SCADA and control systems, cyber and communication test beds, and the explosives test range. The project entails collaboration with leading universities and other National Laboratories to leverage ongoing research at these institutions and advance the state of the art in building resilience into infrastructure systems. The funding will be used to obtain full-scale systems in sectors of interest to DHS for testing of vulnerabilities, identification of protection strategies, and evaluation of resilient designs; partner with universities and National Laboratories to develop resilient control systems; and establish a program that develops new protection schemes. The INL is uniquely placed to carry out this program, which leverages its ongoing work in this area sponsored by DOD, DHS, and Intelligence Agencies and its established relationships with industry, universities, and National Laboratories.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide a list of the Idaho project that has received funding

in the Conference Report for the FY2010 Homeland Security Appropriations bill and provide an explanation of my support for it.

TRIBUTE TO SISTER JACQUELINE  
BURNS, S.C.

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of an outstanding individual, Sister Jacqueline Burns, who was recognized by the St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center Foundation with the 2009 William F. Johnson Award for her many years of dedicated service to the people of her community.

It is only fitting that she be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest democracy ever known, for she has been a true public servant and someone whose spiritual commitment has helped to enhance countless lives.

Sr. Jacqueline has been an integral part of advancement towards improving healthcare. As the founding chair of St. Joseph's Healthcare System, she spearheaded the integration of St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph's Wayne Hospital, St. Joseph's Children's Hospital, St. Vincent's Nursing Home, and Visiting Health Services of New Jersey. Sr. Jacqueline truly revitalized the mission, vision and values of St. Joseph's, and under her leadership, it became the region's leading healthcare system.

Though she is clearly dedicated to healthcare, Sr. Jacqueline's passion for education has always been evident. She began her career teaching elementary and secondary school where she helped students on the path to learning for almost 15 years. She went on to earn multiple graduate degrees including a doctorate from Catholic University. Sr. Jacqueline soon returned to her alma mater, The College of St. Elizabeth, where she would go on to serve for more than thirty years. She was academic dean for ten years and President for sixteen. Throughout her time at the college, she sat on many state and national organizations' Boards of Trustees, often rising to leadership positions. She was a member of the New Jersey Board of Higher Education and designed the present governance model used for all policy development and approvals for new programs for public and independent institutions in the state. In doing this work, she gained extensive experience in government relations at both the national and local level.

As a Sister of Charity, Sr. Jacqueline has been elected to every General Assembly of the congregation since 1968 when it was first begun. She has gone on to chair many of its committees and in 1999, was elected to the General Council and filled the position of Treasurer of the Sisters of Charity Corporation. She has received many other honors throughout the years, and was recently awarded the AMA Lifetime Achievement Award.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to learning about and recognizing the efforts of exceptional individuals like Sister Jacqueline Burns.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Sister Jacqueline's family and

friends, all those who have been touched by her compassion, and me in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable service of Sister Jacqueline Burns.

A TRIBUTE TO STEVEN  
MAURIELLO

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS-**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Steven Mauriello, Deputy Inspector of the 81st Precinct and honorable public servant.

Deputy Inspector Mauriello is a graduate of St. Johns University in Queens, New York, where he attained a Bachelors Degree with a major in Criminal Justice and a minor in Psychology. He is currently attending the Police Management Institute of Columbia University at West Point.

Deputy Inspector Mauriello became a member of the New York City Police Department in the year 1989 and, upon his graduation from the Police Academy, was assigned to neighborhood stabilization unit number six as a police officer, patrolling the 25th, 28th and 32nd Precincts in northern Manhattan. Shortly thereafter, he was assigned to the 34th Precinct in Washington Heights, New York, as a patrol officer. In 1993, he was assigned to the Manhattan North Narcotics Division and, on achieving the rank of Sergeant in 1994, he was assigned to the 79th Precinct and Brooklyn North Warrants Unit.

Upon his promotion to Lieutenant in 2000, Deputy Inspector Mauriello was assigned to the 88th Precinct and 90th Precinct until his promotion to the rank of Captain in 2003. As Captain, he was assigned to the 77th Precinct and 94th Precinct before becoming the commanding officer of the Patrol Borough Brooklyn North Anti-Crime Unit. In 2007, Deputy Inspector Mauriello was assigned to the 81st Precinct in the capacity of Executive Officer. In 2008, he was elevated to Commanding Officer of the 81st Precinct, and then was promoted to the rank of Deputy Inspector in which he presently serves the residents of the Bedford-Stuyvesant community.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Steven Mauriello.

HONORING THE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to the 75th anniversary of Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, or CHOMP, as the locals fondly call it. It started in 1929 as the Carmel Clinic specializing in metabolic disorders, endowed by a gift from Grace Deere Velie Harris, heiress of the Deere tractor family. Over the years it grew into a 30-bed general hospital and in 1934 was renamed Peninsula Community Hospital.

Post World War II saw an increase in the population on the Monterey Peninsula. Twen-

ty-two acres of the nearby forest was donated by the Del Monte Properties Company as a building site for a larger, modern hospital. In 1962 the new \$3.5 million 210,000-square foot Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula opened with 100 beds, the first community hospital in the country to have all private rooms. The design by architect Edward Durell Stone won state and national awards for excellence in architecture. Two-thirds of the funding came from community donations.

CHOMP continued to expand; over the next 10 years 72 more rooms were added, including a mental health center, and a dome was constructed over the signature Fountain Court. The cost of the construction was \$4 million, and again, half of it was paid for by contributions from the community.

The hospital developed a growing range of services that added 42,000 square feet to house outpatient, educational, and business offices. A new outpatient Surgery Center began performing more than half of all the hospital's surgeries. A Family Birth Center opened with single-room maternity care. Home health agencies were acquired, as well as a hospice facility and services. The Comprehensive Cancer Center opened in 1999, providing the best available diagnosis, treatment, and support for cancer patients and their families.

CHOMP also added off-campus sites to meet the expanding demands of health care on the Peninsula. The old Eskaton Monterey Hospital, built in 1930 and acquired by CHOMP in 1982, was remodeled. Renamed the Hartnell Professional Center, it now houses outpatient mental health services, a recovery center, a cardiopulmonary wellness and blood center, laboratories, and the Clint Eastwood Youth Program. A Breast Care Center opened near downtown Monterey, offering comprehensive breast care services, and an Outpatient Campus that treats sleep disorders, and offers diabetes and nutrition therapy, imaging, and laboratories.

In recent years the emergency and ICU departments were updated and moved to a new wing. CHOMP continues to expand and improve with the times to meet the needs of the community.

Throughout the years, CHOMP has served the entire spectrum of hospital health care needs of my family. My parents received their end-of-life care there. Both my wife and I have received care there, and both my daughter and granddaughter were born there. It truly is our community hospital.

Madam Speaker, I know the whole House joins me in congratulating Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula on its anniversary, and wish them many more years of quality service to the public.

CONGRATULATING ANN AND LEO MOSKOVITZ, RECIPIENTS OF THE 2009 MONSIGNOR MCGOWAN CORNERSTONE AWARD

**HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Ann and Leo Moskovitz, recipients of this



year's Monsignor McGowan Cornerstone Award.

This prestigious award is presented annually to individuals who best exemplify the spirit, leadership and service of the late Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan as a catalyst for social, cultural and economic growth and promoting the charitable ideals of philanthropy and collaboration in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Mr. Moskovitz was affiliated with his family's dry goods business and later with the Hudson Coal Company before embarking on a banking career with First National Bank of Jermyn. After serving as cashier and then vice president, Mr. Moskovitz was named president in 1961 where he forged a reputation as a leader in automobile and small business financing and home mortgages. He also led the way in promoting women to administrative positions in the bank.

After a prominent career, he retired as President of the First National Bank of Jermyn in 1993 after more than 40 years of service that saw the bank's assets increase nearly a hundredfold to \$300 million under his leadership.

Active in the community, Mr. Moskovitz served two terms as a member of Jermyn Borough Council and he was chairman of the Pennsylvania State School for the Deaf.

Mrs. Moskovitz, Mr. Moskovitz' wife of 38 years, graduated from Temple University's School of Pharmacy after which she worked in that profession for 30 years. She, too, has been highly active in the community, serving on boards and committees of many educational, health care and cultural organizations, including Mercy Healthcare Foundation Board, University of Scranton, Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic League Board, United Way of Lackawanna County, the Country Club of Scranton, Mercy Hospital, Sacred Heart of Mary Church and the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Moskovitz formerly served on boards and committees of St. Joseph's Center, The Lucan Center for the Arts, Cultural Council, the Philharmonic Women's League of Scranton, the Women's Golf Association of the Country Club of Scranton; St. Joseph's Hospital in Carbondale, Allied Services, Visiting Nurse Association, Temple Hesed Sisterhood, Family Services of Lackawanna County, Mercy Health Care System and the American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days.

Mrs. Moskovitz was a former commentator for the Radio Broadcasting Program for the Blind Association and was Jermyn's coordinator of volunteers each year for the Blind Association Days. She has served on the Laity Committee of the Diocesan Synod, Preparatory Commission of the Hospital Trustee Association, Women's Activities at the Scranton Club, Saint Andrea Society, St. Joseph's Center Auxiliary, Hadassah and the Society of Pennsylvania Hospital Pharmacists. Mrs. Moskovitz was a recipient of the Globe Store and Estee Lauder Star Achiever Award for outstanding service in northeastern Pennsylvania.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Ann and Leo Moskovitz on this auspicious occasion. Their selection to receive the Monsignor McGowan Cornerstone Award is entirely fitting because their lives reflect an extraordinary level of service and contribution to their community where they have improved the quality of life for all.

RECOGNIZING THE SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS AT YVONNE A. EWELL TOWNVIEW CENTER

### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the School of Health Professions at Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Center in Dallas, Texas for receiving the Blue Ribbon Award from the U.S. Department of Education.

This prestigious award is given to public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that show outstanding gains in student achievement as well as superior academic programs. Additionally, it recognizes the achievements of institutions that have a large portion of students who come from disadvantaged backgrounds. Many times, these schools serve as models for other institutions across the country and offer insight into the ways we can improve education in some of our most troubled neighborhoods.

In Dallas, there were a total of four institutions that were selected for this award. In addition to the School of Health Professions, George B. Dealey Montessori Academy, George Peabody Elementary School, and Victor H. Hexter Elementary School were also selected as Blue Ribbon Award recipients.

Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of the School of Health Professions at Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Center in addition to all the schools across the country that were awarded with this prestigious honor.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF POINTS OF LIGHT

### HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Points of Light initiative. Established by a call to service by President George H. W. Bush, Points of Light has led our nation to tremendous gains in service and volunteerism over the past two decades.

The Points of Light Foundation has recently merged with Hands On Network to form the Points of Light Institute. On this special 20th anniversary, I want to commend this organization for its extraordinary work in the promotion of service, while transforming communities throughout America.

In 2008, the Points of Light Institute and its 250 Hands On volunteer action centers engaged over 1.2 million volunteers in service and managed over 520,000 volunteer projects. The value of this service is beyond measure to the neighborhoods that have been positively impacted by this remarkable contribution to the health and welfare of communities throughout the United States.

One of Points of Light's affiliates is Boston Cares. This year alone, Boston Cares has mobilized 18,250 volunteers who have donated

over 50,000 hours of service to 155 Greater Boston schools and nonprofit organizations. Throughout the year Boston Cares volunteers have consistently gone above and beyond, from a drive that raised a thousand pounds of food per day throughout the month of February for struggling food pantries, to generating an additional 2,000 volunteer hours during this summer's United We Serve campaign.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to commemorate this 20-year milestone for Points of Light and I congratulate them on 20 years of identifying and managing people-powered projects to tackle critical problems across the nation. I urge all of my colleagues to join with me in honoring Points of Light and Boston Cares.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS—  
USA PATRIOT AMENDMENTS ACT  
OF 2009

### HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Sec. 1. Short title and table of contents. Section 1 names this Act the "USA PATRIOT Amendments Act of 2009" and provides a table of contents for the entire bill.

TITLE I—USA PATRIOT ACT RELATED  
AMENDMENTS

Sec. 101. Roving Wiretaps. Sec. 101 clarifies that when the government only provides a description of the target of surveillance for purposes of obtaining a warrant (whether or not that warrant is for a regular or roving FISA warrant), that description must be sufficient to allow a court to determine that the target is a single individual.

Sec. 102. Extension of Sunset of Sections 206 and 215 of USA PATRIOT Act. Sec. 102 extends the sunset dates of roving wiretaps and FISA business records to December 31, 2013.

Sec. 103. Access to Certain Tangible Things under section 501 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978. Sec. 103 (§215 tangible things) requires a statement of specific and articulable facts showing that the tangible things sought are relevant to an authorized investigation, other than a threat assessment. The "specific and articulable" language is not present in the current law, and is a more exacting standard for government to meet.

This section also retains the concept that certain types of records are "presumptively relevant" to a counterterrorism or counterintelligence related investigation (assuming an appropriate statement containing specific and articulable facts). The retention of the "presumptive relevance" for documents pertaining to foreign powers or agents of a foreign power accomplishes two important goals. First, it puts the government and a court on notice that these types of records are the type of documents that Congress generally expects the government will be pursuing in furtherance of authorized counterterrorism and counterintelligence investigations. The presumptive relevance standard does not, however, allow the government to obtain the documents merely by showing relevance to a foreign power or agent of a foreign power through a statement of "specific and articulable facts." A court must also find that the requested records are actually relevant to an authorized investigation.

Second, the government may be able to acquire certain records even if it cannot show

that the documents are relevant to a foreign power or agent of a foreign power. However, these types of records, which do not fall into the “presumptively relevant” category, would be evaluated with a higher degree of scrutiny by a court. The court would determine whether or not the government presented specific and articulable facts to show relevance to an authorized investigation.

With respect to judicial review, current law requires the recipient of a nondisclosure order associated with a §215 order to wait a year before seeking judicial review of the nondisclosure order. Sec. 103 allows a recipient to challenge both the underlying order and any associated nondisclosure order immediately. In addition, the government must notify the recipient of a right to challenge the legality of the production order or nondisclosure order, and the procedure to follow to file such a petition at the time the government serves the §215 order on the recipient. Absent bad faith on the part of the government, current law also allows a certification by a high level official to conclusively defeat a challenge to a nondisclosure order. Sec. 103 eliminates the concept of a “conclusive certification” entirely.

Compliance assessments of minimization procedures pertaining to §215 orders are now facilitated by allowing FISA court judges to review government compliance with minimization procedures associated with specific orders. A request for §215 records cannot be made to a library or bookseller for documentary materials that contain personally identifiable information concerning a patron. None of these elements are present in the current law.

Sec. 104. Sunset Relating to Individual Terrorists as Agents of Foreign Powers. Sec. 104 allows the “Lone Wolf” provision to sunset on December 31, 2009. “Lone Wolf” is not reauthorized.

Sec. 105. Audits. Sec. 105 requires the DOJ Inspector General to audit and submit reports to Congress for 215 tangible thing orders, National Security Letters (NSLs), and FISA pen register/trap and trace orders for all calendar years through 2013.

Sec. 106. Criminal “sneak and peek” searches. Sec. 106 requires the government to seek an extension for delaying notice of the search after seven (7) days, not the current thirty (30) days. Any extension to delay notice granted by a court cannot be longer than 21 days at a time. In addition, any application for extension must be made by the Senate-confirmed United States Attorney for the district seeking the delay. This section also narrows the circumstances under which the government could obtain a “sneak and peek” warrant by eliminating “otherwise seriously jeopardizing an investigation or unduly delaying a trial” as a situation that would permit the issuance of a “sneak and peek” warrant.

Sec. 107. Use of Pen Registers and Trap and Trace Devices under title 18, United States Code. Sec. 107 requires the application for a pen register to contain a statement of specific and articulable facts showing that the information likely to be obtained is relevant to an ongoing criminal investigation. Current law only requires a certification by the applicant.

Sec. 108. Orders for Pen Registers and Trap and Trace Devices for Foreign Intelligence Purposes. Sec. 108 requires the application for a pen register to contain a statement of specific and articulable facts relied upon by the applicant to justify the belief that the information likely to be obtained is foreign intelligence information not concerning a United States person or is relevant to an ongoing investigation. Current law only requires a certification by the applicant. This section also requires the implementation of

minimization procedures for pen registers and trap and trace devices, and allows FISA court judges to assess the government’s compliance with these minimization procedures. These are new requirements.

Sec. 109. Public Reporting on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. Sec. 109 requires annual public reporting of aggregate numbers of requests for surveillance that also include a breakdown of requests for (a) electronic surveillance, (b) physical searches, (c) orders for tangible things (Section 215 orders), and (d) pen registers. Current law requires only public reporting of the above categories in the aggregate.

Sec. 110. Challenges to Nationwide Orders for Electronic Surveillance. Sec. 110 allows a provider of electronic communication service or remote computing service to challenge a subpoena, order, or warrant requiring disclosure of customer communications or records in either the district in which the order was issued or the district in which the order was served.

#### TITLE 11—NATIONAL SECURITY LETTER REFORM

Sec. 201. Short Title. Sec. 201 indicates that title II shall be cited as the “National Security Letter Reform Act of 2009.”

Sec. 202. Sunset. Section 202 provides a sunset date of December 31, 2013 for national security letters, with the effect of returning the relevant national security letter statutes to read as they read on October 25, 2001.

Sec. 203. National Security Letter defined. Sec. 203 defines “national security letter,” for the purposes of this bill, as a request for information under one of the enumerated provisions of law.

Sec. 204. Modification of Standard. Sec. 204 requires an official with authority to issue a national security letter to document and retain a statement of specific and articulable facts showing that there are reasonable grounds to believe that the information sought pertains to a foreign power or agent of a foreign power. This standard changes the focus of the “relevance” required under current law from “authorized investigation” to “foreign power or agent of a foreign power.” In addition, current law does not directly couple the relevance standard with “specific and articulable” facts as support for relevance—a more exacting standard for the government to meet. Current law also does not require the government to create and maintain a record of such facts at the time the national security letter is issued.

Sec. 205. Notification of Right to Judicial Review of Nondisclosure Order. Sec. 205 requires the government to notify a recipient of a national security letter of (1) a right to judicial review of any nondisclosure requirement imposed in connection with that national security letter and, (2) that the nondisclosure requirement will remain in effect during the pendency of any judicial review proceedings. Current law does not require such notification.

Sec. 206. Disclosure for Law Enforcement Purposes. Sec. 206 requires the Attorney General to authorize the use of any information acquired or derived from a national security letter in a criminal proceeding. Current law does not require such “use authority” for national security letters.

Sec. 207. Judicial Review of National Security Letter Nondisclosure Order. Sec. 207 establishes additional procedures for a recipient to seek judicial review of a nondisclosure requirement imposed in connection with a national security letter. If the recipient wishes to have a court review a nondisclosure requirement, the recipient must notify the government. Not later than thirty days after the receipt of notification, the government must apply for a court order prohibiting the disclosure of information about the

national security letter or the existence of the national security letter. The nondisclosure requirement remains in effect during the pendency of any judicial review proceedings. The government’s application for a nondisclosure order must include a certification from the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, or the Director of the FBI (or the head of another agency if not part of DOJ) containing a statement of specific and articulable facts indicating that disclosure may result in a danger to the national security of the United States, interference with a criminal, counterterrorism, or counterintelligence investigation, interference with diplomatic relations, or danger to the life or physical safety of any person. If a court determines that there is reason to believe that disclosure will result in one of the enumerated harms, the court will issue a nondisclosure order for no longer than 180 days. The government can seek renewals of nondisclosure orders for additional periods of no longer than 180 days each. If there comes a time when the facts supporting a nondisclosure order issued by the court cease to exist, the government must promptly notify a recipient who sought judicial review of a nondisclosure order that the nondisclosure is no longer in effect.

Current law neither requires the recipient to formally notify the government if “he” wishes to seek judicial review, nor specifies that the government will initiate such court review by applying for a court order. The government is also not required to notify a recipient who sought judicial review of a nondisclosure if or when such an order would cease to exist based on a change in facts supporting the nondisclosure order. In addition, absent bad faith on the part of the government, current law also allows a certification by a high level government official to conclusively defeat a challenge to a nondisclosure order if the challenge is filed within one year of the request for records. Current law also allows a recertification made by high level officials to be treated as conclusive, unless made in bad faith. Sec. 207 eliminates the concept of a “conclusive certification” entirely. Moreover, this section corrects constitutional defects in the nondisclosure orders pertaining to national security letters as addressed in *Doe v. Mukasey*, 549 F.3d 861 (2nd Cir. 2008).

Sec. 208. Minimization Procedures. Sec. 208 requires the Attorney General to establish minimization and destruction procedures to ensure that information obtained pursuant to a national security letter regarding persons that are no longer of interest in an authorized investigation is destroyed.

#### A TRIBUTE TO JUANITA THERESA WILLIAMS LEVELL

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS—

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Juanita Theresa Williams Levell, an educator in my Congressional District.

As a young woman working and attending college, Juanita met and fell in love with Bryan Lloyd Levell in June of 1960. They were married one year later. Bryan was a New York City Police Officer serving with the 79th Precinct and was one of the first set of officers to serve in the newly created Patrol Brooklyn North. They were blessed with four children, Antoinette Jacobii Levell Brown, twins Adrian

Mary Levell Peart Straker, the late Andrea May Levell Franklin, and one son Bryan James Levell. Mrs. Levell used to say having four children in five years was like having her own classroom. A graduate of the New York City public school system, she completed her undergraduate degree at Brooklyn College and received her Master's degree in Linguistics from Long Island University.

Armed with her faith, a wonderful mother and supportive extended family, Juanita pushed ahead to achieve her goals. She began working in the New York City public school system as a teacher of English as a Second Language commonly known as E.S.L. Juanita was serving in a school that had students from well over 50 countries speaking over 100 languages. She has taught from elementary through high school, as well as adult education. Her participation in conferences, seminars and workshops for over 30 years has kept her current and well qualified in her profession.

Juanita retired in 2008 from her full-time teaching position but continues to work part-time as an English teacher. The connection to her community and her faith has been a steady part of Juanita's life from her work in the church, in school and in her neighborhood. Juanita has been a member of civic and social groups from childhood to the present. She has been active with Cornerstone Baptist Church, the Jewels S.C., NAACP, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.—Delta Rho Omega Chapter, Jack and Jill of America, Inc. (Brooklyn Chapter), American Association of University Women, Verona Place—Macon Street Block Association, United Federation of Teachers, National Council of Negro Women, Brooklyn Historical Society, Schomburg Center for Cultural Learning, Brooklyn College Alumni Association, Association of Blacks in Education—NY, Business and Professional Women's Organization of Cornerstone Baptist Church, Women's Caucus for Congressman Towns, and AARP.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Juanita Theresa Williams Levell.

**SALUTING THE MEMORY OF BEN ALI, FOUNDER OF WASHINGTON D.C.'S BEN'S CHILI BOWL**

**HON. WM. LACY CLAY**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to salute the memory of Ben Ali, founder and owner of Ben's Chili Bowl, a local historical landmark. Dubbed "King of the Half-Smoke" by Washingtonians who flocked to Ben's daily, Mr. Ali died earlier this month at the age of 82.

Ben Ali exemplified the American Dream through his entrepreneurial spirit and endurance. An immigrant from Trinidad, Ben opened his namesake restaurant on August 22, 1958 with the help of his wife, Virginia. In the process, Mr. Ali shaped the city of Washington and its unique U-Street Corridor by serving his trademark chili dishes to generations of diners.

Opened during U Street's heyday as an African American Cultural Mecca, Ben's Chili Bowl has withstood major neighborhood construction projects, national economic shifts,

and the notorious 1968 riots, which ravaged much of the city. During that dark night, Ben's Chili Bowl was one of only two establishments left unscathed.

In the early 1990s, Ben's Chili Bowl stood as an unyielding anchor of the neighborhood's rebirth, and continues to serve dignitaries, celebrities, and local guests alike. All are loyal customers of Ben's Half-Smokes and Chili Cheeseburgers, a personal favorite of mine since 1969.

Ben's Chili Bowl will persist as a Washington institution, a symbol of unity and strength in a city that has seen its share of hard times. Today, a tourist may dine next to an elected official, or a school boy next to his sports hero, as they all gather together for the incomparable experience of enjoying Ben's famous chili.

Madam Speaker, I ask that we honor Ben Ali for his exceptional contributions to our community. The vital role that both he and Ben's Chili Bowl will continue to play in Washington will be his lasting legacy. I ask that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to Mr. Ben Ali.

**TRIBUTE TO THE TOWN OF WESTMINSTER ON THE OCCASION OF THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING**

**HON. JOHN W. OLVER**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. OLVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the founding of Westminster, Massachusetts 250 years ago on October 20, 1759. The following history provided by the Town's 250th Anniversary Committee vividly details a community with a rich cultural heritage and great natural beauty.

Nestled at the foot of Mount Wachusett, the highest mountain in central Massachusetts, Westminster was unsettled territory at the beginning of the 18th century. The land had been designated as payment for soldiers who had fought in King Phillip's War, but for many years no one was interested in leaving the comforts of home to settle in the wilderness. In 1737, however, the descendants of those veterans and others were drawn to the region's bounty and began to settle the region. As the population grew it became a district in 1759 and was given the name of Westminster, a name rooted in traditions of England. Full incorporation of the town came in 1770.

On June 10, 1776 Westminster residents voted to "stand by and support the (Continental Congress) with their lives and fortunes if they should declare independence on the Crown of Great Britain." During the American Revolution, three hundred fifty six Westminster men served either as Minutemen or enlisted soldiers in the American Continental Army.

Water was essential to the early industrial growth of Westminster in the 19th century, beginning with sawmills, gristmills, fulling mills, and tanneries. These industries were followed by the manufacturing of chairs, other furniture, and paper. But when the railroad bypassed the center of town in mid-century, the factories lost their ability to cheaply bring raw materials into town and transport their finished products to the world. Today there is little evidence of these early industries.

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, residents of Westminster found jobs in neighboring cities. Indeed, it became clear that Westminster now had the strategic advantage of being located on and near major highways that pass through the Commonwealth.

Today, Westminster's cultural heritage and rural, scenic beauty are appreciated by residents and visitors alike. The Westminster Cracker Factory, the longest running cracker bakery in the country, closed in the 1970s but the red clapboard building is a landmark which anchors the east end of Main Street. The town common on top of Academy Hill and the town center are remarkably preserved and greatly contribute to the Town's distinction of having one of the largest National Register Historic Districts in Massachusetts. Visitors of all ages enjoy Westminster—whether by skiing, hiking or viewing the autumn foliage on Mount Wachusett, dining at the Old Mill while watching ducks swimming on the nearby pond, or taking a tour of Wachusett Brewery.

I am very proud to represent this community, which is rich in history, in natural beauty, and in the public spirit of its citizenry. Please join me in congratulating the Town of Westminster as it celebrates its 250th Anniversary.

**EL MUSEO DEL BARRIO'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY**

**HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. SERRANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a milestone event in the cultural history of New York City. This month, El Museo del Barrio, New York's leading Latino cultural institution, celebrates its 40th Anniversary. There is much to be proud of when we speak of El Museo: the beautiful physical space it now occupies; the extraordinary talent it continues to attract; the superb quality of its collections; and the professionalism and dedication of its staff. But for me what stands out most about El Museo is that it has never stopped growing and evolving. Much like the community in which it makes its home, El Museo continues to reinvent itself for new waves of residents and new generations of New Yorkers.

El Museo del Barrio was founded 40 years ago by Puerto Rican artist and educator Raphael Montañez Ortiz, who gathered together parents, artists, and activists, to address the absence of Puerto Rican and other Latino artists at larger mainstream institutions. Since its founding, El Museo has been dedicated to showcasing Latino culture. Its permanent collection includes over 6,500 objects which span more than 800 years of Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino artistic expression. A wonderfully diverse body of art, this collection includes everything from pre-Columbian Taino artifacts to twentieth-century drawings and paintings, to prints, sculpture, photography and documentary film and video. Located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and E. 104th Street, El Museo is firmly situated on New York's illustrious Museum Mile, but is also far enough uptown to reach into Manhattan's historic El Barrio. Today, more than 100,000 people visit El Museo each year from all backgrounds and walks of life.

On Saturday, October 17th, the museum will hosted an all day celebration and open house to mark the anniversary as well as the opening of El Museo's newly renovated facility. Two new exhibitions will be on display, one of which highlights four decades of El Museo's permanent collection. And to dramatize El Museo's impact on the cultural life of New York City, the Empire State Building was illuminated in the museum's signature mango-yellow color for the entire weekend, so the city as a whole could share in this momentous re-opening.

Madam Speaker, from humble beginnings in East Harlem's Puerto Rican community, this landmark of learning and wonder has emerged as a destination for people from all over the world. They come for many reasons: for the history that is taught, for the remarkable work on display, and, not the least of all, people come to El Museo to feel connected—connected to the past and the future of the Latino diaspora in this great international city. El Museo's holdings and exhibitions are a gift to all New Yorkers and to the world, and for this reason I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the 40th Anniversary of El Museo del Barrio.

RECOGNIZING THE JACOB MICHAEL DAVIS FOUNDATION 4TH ANNUAL EVENT

**HON. CANDICE S. MILLER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the Jacob Michael Davis Foundation located in Macomb County, Michigan. This non-profit organization was created in the loving memory of 7-year old Jacob Michael Davis, who sadly passed away in 2005 after a hard fought battle with acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

The organization will be hosting its 4th Annual Banquet and Fundraiser on November 14th in Shelby Township, so I want to highlight the great work the foundation has performed over the few short years since its inception.

The foundation has carried forward Jacob's legacy—his giving spirit and his unique ability to comfort other young patients while he himself was seeking medical treatment. The foundation has also picked up his torch of hope as it continues to spread his light of compassion and pass his courage on to other families who unfortunately have had to cope with childhood cancer. Although based in the State of Michigan, the Jacob Michael Davis Foundation has extended its helping hand across this great nation, from coast to coast and places in between.

The effects of any childhood illness can be devastating on a family. The emotional and financial distress can leave a mother and father feeling like they have no options, and sometimes even worse with a negative outlook on the future. With so many variables to deal with, families can easily become overwhelmed and lose focus of the primary objective—the care, treatment and recovery of the child.

But these fears and unknowns are exactly the reason why the Jacob Michael Davis Foundation was created. The foundation is a source of comfort to assist families with those

unexpected financial burdens not necessarily covered by insurance. For example—travel and temporary housing expenses, medical equipment, mental health programs, academic and school tutoring support, post-treatment survivorship programs and bereavement counseling. These are just a few of the economic barriers that the foundation seeks to remove.

The Foundation's goal is to help families keep their energies focused on the recovery and the healing of the child. Amazingly, the staff, volunteers and board members of the Jacob Michael Davis Foundation do not accept any form of monetary compensation, ensuring that every possible cent is spent to assist those families in need. This certainly speaks volumes about the people who believe in the foundation's mission and the remarkable work they have achieved, continue to achieve and hope to achieve in the future. It certainly is my honor to commend all the volunteers for their charitable and dedicated work.

Furthermore, I am pleased to announce that last month I added my name as a cosponsor to H.R. 1230 which was introduced by my colleague, Representative Doris Matsui, from California. This legislation seeks to establish a National Acquired Bone Marrow Failure Disease Registry and authorize research on bone marrow diseases. I encourage other Members to support this bill and join in the fight to defeat this disease.

In conclusion, I offer my support to the Jacob Michael Davis Foundation on this special occasion. I wish everyone in attendance all the best and hope you have a very successful evening. You are helping to sustain a wonderful cause. I know that in memory of Jacob you will never lose faith in your mission and your passion will be forever alive.

THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INSPECTOR GENERAL AUTHORITY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2009

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to introduce today the "Department of Justice Inspector General Authority Improvement Act of 2009." This Act will authorize the Department of Justice Inspector General to investigate attorney misconduct within the Department of Justice.

Whether we have a Democratic or Republican administration, I believe we should have strong and vigorous oversight of the Department of Justice. At present, however, the Department of Justice Inspector General is limited in his ability to investigate allegations of misconduct. Instead, present law, to the surprise of many, requires that all allegations of wrongdoing by the Department of Justice attorneys be investigated not by the Inspector General, but by the department's Office of Professional Responsibility.

In contrast with the statutorily independent Inspector General, the Office of Professional Responsibility is supervised by the Attorney General. It is absolutely contrary to human experience to believe that the counsel to the Office of Professional Responsibility can aggressively and independently investigate high level officials in the department when the Attorney

General himself has authority over such investigation.

This limitation on authority does not exist for any other Inspector General of other agencies. Accordingly, the Department's Inspector General should have the same power. Inspectors General have throughout the government to investigate any and all allegations of wrongdoing that arise in their department.

In the last Congress, I offered this provision as an Amendment to H.R. 924, the Improving Government Accountability Act. It passed the House, however, it was stripped from the final Bill when the measure went to the Senate. I am introducing this legislation again today because I believe that transparency and vigorous oversight are essential to maintain the checks and balances of our constitutional system.

As documented in my recently released report, "Reining in the Imperial Presidency: Lessons and Recommendations Relating to the presidency of George W. Bush," there was serious misconduct on the part of Department of Justice attorneys, including alleged misconduct by high level politically appointed attorneys, in connection with hiring attorneys for the Civil Rights Division or in other components of the Department. However, due to the unique limitations on his power, it was difficult for the Inspector General to fully investigate these allegations. I certainly trust those sorts of abuses are unlikely to recur in this Administration.

This legislation will help prevent future abuses and politicization of the Department of Justice by improving the Inspector General's tools to effectively carry out his mission. Such vigorous oversight is a matter of good government, regardless of the political party in power.

HONORING PETE GEREN, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE AND ARMY SECRETARY

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of an extraordinary public servant, Pete Geren, who recently stepped down as Secretary of the Army. I am incredibly privileged to call Mr. Geren a close friend, and I am so happy to celebrate this man's distinguished career and service.

Mr. Geren hails from Fort Worth, Texas, and after receiving a Bachelor's Degree and a Law Degree from the University of Texas, he worked as an aide to Senator Lloyd Bentsen. In 1989, he was elected to represent the 12th District of Texas in the United States House of Representatives and would serve in that capacity for four terms. In 2001, Mr. Geren took a position with the Department of Defense as Special Assistant to the Defense Secretary, and later served brief periods as acting Air Force Secretary and Undersecretary of the Army before being appointed to Secretary of the Army in 2007.

Throughout his career, Mr. Geren has worked diligently to represent the best interests of the people he serves, including the citizens of the 12th District of Texas and the soldiers in our armed forces. When he took over

the position as Secretary of the Army, he was faced with numerous challenges that had left the reputation of that organization in low esteem. However, through hard work and determination, he has helped to repair the Army's standing and has placed it on a positive track for the future.

Madam Speaker, Pete Geren is a dutiful public servant, and I encourage all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing and honoring his achievements in Congress and at the Department of Defense.

TRIBUTE TO WALID J. BADDOURA,  
MD

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of an outstanding individual, Dr. Walid J. Baddoura, who was recognized with the 2009 Kendrick P. Lance, MD Distinguished Physician Award, on October 17, 2009 for his distinguished service in the field of medicine.

It is only fitting that he be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest democracy ever known, for his story truly embodies the American Dream.

Dr. Baddoura serves as the President of the Medical Staff of St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Paterson, New Jersey. He is also the Program Director of the Gastroenterology Fellowship Program. His dedication to the medical profession is also evidenced in his leadership at the Seton Hall University School of Health and Medical Services, where he serves as Chief of the Gastroenterology Division, and the Program Director for its Gastroenterology Fellowship as well.

Dr. Baddoura embarked on his journey into the field of medicine at the American University of Beirut in Lebanon. Upon his graduation in 1976, he left Lebanon for New Jersey, and first joined the St. Joseph's family as a resident in Internal Medicine. He later left New Jersey for Connecticut, where he pursued a fellowship at the Yale-affiliated Gastroenterology Program in Waterbury and New Haven. He is board certified in internal medicine and gastroenterology.

He returned to St. Joseph's and since then has taken an active role in the education of students, residents and fellows. In 1986 he was appointed the Chief of the Gastroenterology Division, and since 1992, has held this position along with the aforementioned directorship at Seton Hall University School of Health and Medical Services. He also maintains a private practice in Clifton.

At St. Joseph's, Dr. Baddoura serves on many committees and has been on the Medical Board for several years, as a member and also as an officer. He has represented St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center on the Board of Trustees of the Passaic County Medical Society. This past June, the Northern New Jersey Council of the Boy Scouts of America honored him with the Distinguished Health Care Service Award. Dr. Baddoura resides in Pompton Plains and is the proud uncle of six nieces and nephews.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing

compares to learning about and recognizing the efforts of exceptional individuals like Dr. Baddoura.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Dr. Baddoura's family and friends, all those who have been helped by him, and me in recognizing the outstanding contributions of Dr. Walid J. Baddoura to his community.

SUPPORTING THE MISSION AND  
GOALS OF NATIONAL DIS-  
ABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARE-  
NESS MONTH OCTOBER 2009

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS-**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the observance of National Disability Employment Awareness Month. In observance of National Disability Employment Awareness Month, I express my appreciation to the nearly 55 million Americans with disabilities who have made significant contributions to the American workforce.

As a proud sponsor of the Americans with Disabilities Act, I salute this milestone legislation and other comprehensive efforts to create equal access to employment opportunities.

I am proud of efforts like AbilityOne, a laudable, federally-managed program that is the largest source of employment for the blind and those with severe disabilities. I was also a proud co-sponsor of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act that is providing vital stimulus dollars to programs under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to help educate disabled children and youth.

This October, as we rededicate ourselves to increasing employment opportunities for disabled Americans, let us also honor the value, skills and contributions individuals with disabilities have made to the American workforce.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH  
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF MR.  
AND MRS. LAMAR DENKINS

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I respectfully request the attention of the House to pay recognition to an important day in the lives of two constituents and dear friends of mine, Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Denkins.

On October 25, 2009, Lamar and Joyce Denkins will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Lamar was born on March 12, 1935, and his wife, Joyce, was born on October 4, 1938.

Lamar and Joyce met while working at Anniston National Bank in Anniston, Alabama. They married on October 25, 1959, at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church.

Over the years, Lamar and Joyce have been blessed with two children, Susan and Jeffrey, as well as two grandchildren. Lamar has spent his life as a public servant as a minister and working for two different Members of Congress. He also served proudly in the Armed Forces.

On Sunday, October 25th, the couple along with their family and friends will celebrate their anniversary at West Weaver Baptist Church.

I would like to congratulate my friends, Lamar and Joyce, for reaching this important milestone in their lives. They are shining examples of love and dedication for us all, and I wish them and their family all the best at this important occasion.

HONORING THE LIFE AND WORK  
OF JUDGE WILLIAM WAYNE JUSTICE

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Judge William Wayne Justice who passed away on October 13, 2009 at the age of 89.

Judge Justice was one of the most remarkable judges in Texas history. Born in Athens, Texas on February 25, 1920, Justice's father actively encouraged him to pursue a career in law from a young age. The younger Justice went on to receive both an undergraduate and a law degree from the University of Texas before spending roughly four years in the army during World War II. Upon his return to the United States, he took up work at his father's law practice in Athens, and in 1961, he was selected by President Kennedy to be U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas. In 1968, Justice was appointed by President Johnson to be a U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

Judge Justice served in that capacity for more than 40 years and gave countless rulings that dramatically affected the way the State of Texas educated children, treated prisoners, and housed its poorest citizens. With an unwavering regard for the human condition, Justice ordered the integration of public housing, forbade inhumane treatment in prisons and the juvenile justice system, and upheld rulings that caused Texas to desegregate its schools. At a time when many of these decisions were unpopular, Justice made the hard choices and helped carry Texas into the modern era because of them.

Madam Speaker, I am incredibly grateful for the decisions and sacrifices Judge Justice made for the people of Texas and the entire country. I encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring and remembering this courageous sentinel who helped so many of our nation's most distressed citizens.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDIANA  
FARM BUREAU INSURANCE

**HON. MARK E. SOUDER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. SOUDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance who celebrated, their 75th Anniversary on October 17th. Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance was originally founded in 1934 to cater to the unique insurance needs of our agriculture community. It has since expanded to provide

life, home, auto, and business services and today is the largest writer of farm insurance and the second largest writer of personal lines of insurance in the state. In Indiana, Farm Bureau Insurance is truly a "part of your life"—with offices in all of our 92 counties, and 1700 employees across the Hoosier state.

While the company has experienced significant growth and development, Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance has remained deeply committed to the community it serves. They have always believed that the strongest investment you can make for the future is to invest in young people, and their actions bear this out.

For 20 years, Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance organized the eXcel Awards, a prestigious high school art competition that granted over \$700,000 in scholarships and encouraged the talent and creativity of high school artists and performers. They sponsor the Indiana High School Athletic Association's Mental Attitude Awards, honoring students who excel in athletic ability, leadership, mental attitude, and scholarship in all 39 IHSAA tournament sports. They have also made academics and safety a priority amongst our youth through initiatives like Top Scholar and the Teenage Driver Safety and Education Program. These programs reward young drivers with a \$1000 savings bond for completing safety training and provide insurance discounts for students for maintaining a B average respectively. In my district, Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance helps supply healthy activities for our children by sponsoring little league and 4-H, and they are active participants in Holiday initiatives, adopting needy families and donating clothes, toys and foods.

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance has assisted numerous families and individuals plan for the unexpected and has been a steadfast partner in our community. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance on their 75th Anniversary.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, on the afternoon of Thursday, October 15, 2009, I was unfortunately unable to be present for the last two series of recorded votes while I was attending to a matter related to my personal health.

I request that the record show that had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 786 (on ordering the previous question on the rule for H.R. 2442, H.Res. 830), "yes" on rollcall vote No. 787 (on agreeing to the resolution H.Res. 830, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2442), "yes" on rollcall vote No. 788 (the motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair), and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 789 (on passage of the bill H.R. 2442, the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program Expansion Act of 2009).

HONORING THE SURVIVING WORLD  
WAR II VETERANS OF  
OCCOQUAN, VA

#### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor to the World War II veterans who currently reside in Occoquan, Virginia. Their service and sacrifice represent the height of American character; something to be honored and never forgotten.

In December of 1941, the United States entered a war that had already engulfed much of the rest of the world. Throughout the course of World War II, 16,000,000 Americans answered the call of duty and served in the armed forces. The support of the nation's war effort ended in the ultimate sacrifice for more than 300,000 of these brave Americans. They were sons, daughters, fathers and mothers putting the defense of their nation above all else.

The town of Occoquan is recognizing their service by honoring the surviving World War II veterans currently residing in Occoquan. So often our veterans return home and take up leadership roles in their communities. This group, which includes former Occoquan mayors, town council members and planning commissioners, is no exception. These individuals are a living testament to the strength and enduring nature of America's citizenry. Occoquan's surviving World War II veterans:

Mr. Richard H. Bell, United States Army  
Mr. Edwin S. Clarke, United States Navy  
Mr. Robert Lehto, United States Navy  
Mr. Frank McKenzie, United States Navy  
Mr. James F. Phelps, United States Marine Corps

Ms. June Randolph, United States Navy  
Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the World War II veterans of Occoquan, Virginia. We recognize their contribution to honor the importance of their experience to the American story. To forget their sacrifice and the immeasurable cost of war is to do peace a disservice and bind ourselves to indefinite conflict.

#### COMMEMORATING THE NATIONAL DAY ON WRITING

#### HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, writing is a daily practice for millions of Americans, but few people notice how integral writing has become to life in the 21st century. People now write more than ever before for personal, professional, and civic purposes; and writing is increasingly essential for all types of occupations. Newly developing digital technologies expand the possibilities for composing in multiple media and young people are now leading the way in new forms of composition.

Writing has enormous power. It allows people in every walk of life, in every kind of work, and at every age to generate and share ideas with others. Effective communication contributes to building a global economy and a global community. We must find ways to help our

students tell their stories—to communicate with their neighbors around the globe, in a world that is getting smaller and smaller. We must help our students put their thoughts into words, and hopefully, into action.

As an educator for more than 30 years, I know the value of a quality education and its importance to our children's future. In order for our Nation's children to get the education they deserve and require to become the leaders of tomorrow, they need the very best teachers and educators. Not only as leaders in education, but also as leaders in the community, English teachers are preparing our next generation.

To draw attention to the remarkable variety of writing we engage in and to help connect writers from all walks of life, the National Council of Teachers of English, NCTE, in conjunction with its many national and local partners, honors the importance of writing by celebrating a National Day on Writing on October 20, 2009. NCTE has developed the National Gallery of Writing, a digital archive of samples, that exhibits how and why Americans are writing every day. The gallery is accessible to all through a free, searchable website that will be launched on the National Day on Writing.

I introduced a resolution to recognize the National Day on Writing to acknowledge the enormous power of writing—how it allows people in every walk of life, in every kind of work, and at every age to generate and share ideas with others. The resolution calls on the House of Representatives to recognize the National Day on Writing and encourages submissions to the National Gallery of Writing. Today my thanks go out to the NCTE and their many national and local partners for facilitating the National Day on Writing. As we celebrate the National Day on Writing, I hope my colleagues will participate and submit entries to the gallery.

#### HONORING JASMINE LYNN OF SPELMAN COLLEGE, CLASS OF 2012

#### HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Jasmine Lynn, a rising star, a wonderful daughter, and a successful student who was the victim of a senseless tragedy.

A native of Kansas City, Missouri, Jasmine attended the Lincoln College Preparatory Academy, where she was an active student, athlete, musician, and leader. Even though she was a member of the ROTC, the varsity basketball team, and the high school marching band, Jasmine found time to shine as a student. Her intelligence and academic success won her an opportunity to attend Spelman College in Atlanta, making her the first in her family to receive a college education. At Spelman, Jasmine continued to excel with a 3.8 GPA and intended to focus her academic program around psychology and pre-law studies. Jasmine had just completed a summer internship at Cerner Corp over the summer and had bought her first car. This accomplished young lady had a bright and promising future.

On September 3, the life of Jasmine Lynn was cut down by a stray bullet as she was



walking down an Atlanta street with some of her friends. Violence cuts through the heart of too many communities across America, but when a gifted young woman—simply an innocent bystander—is the victim of a senseless murder, the toll hostility and aggression take on our society becomes painfully clear.

Today, I would like to offer my deepest condolences to the Lynn family for their heart-breaking loss. The thoughts and prayers of the people of the Fifth Congressional District of Georgia are with them during this difficult and trying time. My heart goes out to Jasmine Lynn's parents, brother, family, friends, and the Spelman and Clark/Atlanta University community who also mourn her passing.

THOMAS SLEMMER

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding leader in the field of affordable housing and long-term services and supports for people as they age. Thomas Slemmer is the outgoing chair of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA), and I congratulate him on what he has accomplished for his field during his two-year term.

AAHSA members ([www.aahsa.org](http://www.aahsa.org)) help millions of individuals and their families every day through mission-driven, not-for-profit organizations dedicated to providing the services people need, when they need them, in the place they call home. The 5,700 member organizations, many of which have served their communities for generations, offer the continuum of aging services: adult day services, home health, community services, senior housing, assisted living residences, continuing care retirement communities, and nursing homes.

With Tom Slemmer at its head, AAHSA championed the combination of supportive services with affordable housing to enable seniors to remain in their communities and has taken a leadership role in developing realistic, workable solutions for Congress and states facing the impending long-term service and support needs of the aging baby boom generation.

Mr. Slemmer co-chaired AAHSA's Affordable Housing Finance Cabinet, which is developing recommendations for building and preserving housing to meet the physical and financial needs of a growing elder population. He also saw the introduction of the landmark Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Act, which would promote the construction of new senior housing facilities, streamline the preservation of existing housing, and support the conversion of existing housing into assisted-living facilities with supportive health and social services.

Prior to becoming AAHSA's chair, Mr. Slemmer participated in the organization's Long-Term Services and Supports Financing Cabinet to find a more rational, sustainable and responsible system for funding aging services where he helped shape recommendations for a national insurance plan founded on three core principles: consumer choice, fiscal responsibility, and good stewardship of provider and public resources, and equity of benefits.

These recommendations closely aligned with the Community Living Assistance Services and Supports (CLASS) Act introduced and championed by the late Senator Edward Kennedy. AAHSA has united a wide range of stakeholders to work for the inclusion of CLASS provisions in health care reform, and these provisions are reflected in two of the health care reform measures drafted by congressional committees. AAHSA members from all over the country have advocated tirelessly for a mechanism to enable Americans to plan responsibly for their own long-term services and supports needs while also addressing the issues of access and cost.

To address other issues facing the nation's aging population, families, service providers and policymakers, Slemmer has overseen AAHSA member task forces on workforce, nursing home quality, home- and community-based services, and issues specific to rural and inner-city areas. Under his leadership, AAHSA has undertaken pilot technology projects, "living laboratories" linking member operations with research to demonstrate the effectiveness of applied technology to improve quality, make operations more efficient, and enable people to live independently wherever they call home.

In addition to his service as AAHSA's chair, Tom Slemmer is the president and chief executive officer of Columbus, Ohio's National Church Residences, where he has had a thirty year career. From a single affordable housing facility established in 1961, National Church Residences has grown to provide affordable housing, supportive services, assisted living, and skilled nursing care to low and moderate-income elders, families, persons with disabilities, and homeless families and individuals in facilities throughout the United States. In Central and Southern Ohio, NCR provides home and community based supportive services to allow elders to age in place in dignity in the comfort of their own homes. Its ministry serves over 22,000 individuals in 300 properties nationwide.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, National Church Residences and AAHSA launched a hotline to help displaced seniors find affordable housing. Low-income seniors and family members were able to call around the clock to be connected to housing resource professionals trained to evaluate and locate available affordable senior housing communities nationwide. Hundreds of evacuated elders were able to find temporary or permanent housing through National Church Residences and other AAHSA members. Based on this experience, AAHSA and National Church Residences submitted recommendations to Congress on improving coordination among aging services providers and federal, state, and local agencies in the event of natural disasters.

Because of the importance of supportive services to seniors' ability to remain longer in their communities, Mr. Slemmer was instrumental in establishing the American Association of Service Coordinators (AASC). AASC's over 2,000 members serve seniors, people with disabilities, and low income families living in affordable rental housing and the surrounding community. Service coordinators assist senior and disabled residents in identifying, locating, and acquiring the services necessary for them to remain independent and help families achieve self sufficiency and economic independence.

Mr. Slemmer also has served on the boards of the Association of Ohio Philanthropic Homes, Housing and Services for the Aging; the National Affordable Housing Trust, the Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future, and the Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing.

I hope my colleagues will join me in commending Tom Slemmer for his longstanding service to our nation's elders and his work to develop realistic solutions to the challenges a growing elder population will pose in the years to come.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as a part of H.R. 3183—Energy and Water Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Description of Request: The May Branch flood control project will reduce the occurrence of flood damage for hundreds of property owners in the vicinity of the May Branch drainage way in portions of Fort Smith. During the periods of heavier rainfall, stormwater flows exceed the capacity of the May Branch channel, causing surface and structure flooding. The project meets the Corps of Engineers' cost/benefit ratio requirements. The Federal funds of \$179,000 will be used for design engineering, right-of way acquisition, and construction. The City of Fort Smith will be matching the \$15 million federal share with \$16 million in local funds from a 1-cent sales tax dedicated to street and drainage repairs.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Department of Energy—EERE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Arkansas—Division of Agriculture

Address of Requesting Entity: 2404 N. University Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas 72207

Description of Request: The national goal of the US is to replace more than 75% of our oil imports from the Middle East by 2025. With America on the verge of breakthroughs in advanced energy technologies, the best way to break the addiction to foreign oil is through new technology. Of course, new conversion technology requires the availability of adequate amounts of quality feedstocks. To help meet this critical national goal, the Mid South/Southeast BioEnergy Consortium \$1,000,000 project is focused: to (1) position the MidSouth and Southeast bioenergy industry to expand from biodiesel and grain to ethanol to commercial production of cellulosic ethanol; (2) develop economic and environmental viable systems to produce, harvest and process relevant feedstocks for biodiesel and ethanol operations, matching feedstock availability to specific conversion technologies; (3) conduct educational programs to deliver information on

feedstock production, harvesting and processing with farm and industry audiences; (4) develop alternative uses for by-products and create new lines of co-products that generate revenue streams to complement biofuel production; and (5) develop and evaluate conversion technologies necessary for commercial cellulosic ethanol production.

# EARMARK DECLARATION

## HON. BOB INGLIS

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. INGLIS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman BOB INGLIS

Bill Number: Conference Report to accompany H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Corps of Engineers—Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Greenville

Address of Requesting Entity: 206 South Main Street Greenville, South Carolina 29602

Description of Request: The purpose of the request is to conduct a feasibility study examining potential environmental restoration and flood control projects for the Reedy River in the vicinity of Greenville, SC. This study will be conducted by the Army Corps of Engineers, as the next phase in the Corps' ongoing work to restore and stabilize the Reedy. The amount is \$90,000 and it would go to the City of Greenville.

RECOGNIZING SUDHAKAR V. SHENOY AND SURESH V. SHENOY FOR RECEIVING THE 2009 COMMUNITY LEADER AWARD FROM THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

## HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sudhakar V. Shenoy and Suresh V. Shenoy and their company, IMC, Inc. as the recipients of the Northern Virginia Community Foundation 2009 Community Leader Award.

The Northern Virginia Community Foundation (NVCF) was established in 1978 as a public charity to meet a wide variety of social, educational, cultural and other charitable needs throughout Northern Virginia. The mission of NVCF is to grow philanthropy and strengthen the community. This past year, more than \$3,000,000.00 in grants and scholarships supporting child and youth development, education, health, arts, homelessness, community improvement, and other causes were made from NVCF funds. Hundreds of nonprofit organizations benefited from these grants and put those resources to work to strengthen the community.

Each year, NVCF recognizes individuals or organizations for their extraordinary philanthropic efforts and successes. This year, the NVCF has chosen to honor Mr. Sudhakar V. Shenoy and Mr. Suresh V. Shenoy by presenting them with the 2009 Community Leader Award.

The accomplishments of these two individuals are truly impressive. They are successful businessmen, under their leadership, their company, IMC, Inc. has become a highly respected and award winning technology solutions innovator that provides expert government, commercial and scientific solutions.

The business successes of Sudhakar and Suresh Shenoy are matched by their philanthropic endeavors and commitment to the improvement of our community.

Sudhakar Shenoy has a long history of civic and community involvement. In 1999, he was named Citizen of the Year and in 2003, he was named Lord Fairfax in recognition of his contributions to the community and his volunteerism. He has been a strong leader and supporter in many organizations including the American Heart Association, YouthAids, the American Cancer Society, Leukemia Society, Youth Life, INOVA, the United Way, the American-India Foundation and many others. Sudhakar was also named the Greater Washington High Technology Entrepreneur of the Year for 1998. In 1996, Sudhakar was honored by the University of Connecticut when he was inducted into the University of Connecticut School of Business Alumni Hall of Fame.

Suresh Shenoy currently serves as the Chairman of the National Capital Region American Red Cross. In addition, he serves on the boards of The Kevric Company, The Fairfax County Information Technology Advisory Committee, IIT Heritage Foundation, the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce and was a founding member of the Thomas Jefferson Partnership Fund. Suresh was an adjunct professor of Entrepreneurship, International Marketing and Business Administration at the Graduate School of Management, Clark University and currently serves on the adjunct faculty of the School of Information and Technology & Engineering at George Mason University. Suresh has spoken at numerous industry events in Europe, the United States and Brazil; his articles have also been widely published in various industry publications. In 2000, Suresh was recognized for his many contributions in his field when in 2000, he was inducted as a Fellow of the Information Management Congress (Europe) and AIIM International (USA).

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Sudhakar Shenoy and Suresh Shenoy for being named the recipients of the Northern Virginia Community Foundation 2009 Community Leader Award and to thank them for their years of philanthropic, educational and civic service.